(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what alternative solutions, are being proposed by Government and by when these are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Orissa State Agro Industries Corporation recommended that assets and liabilities of those units that were sick for more than five years, should be taken over.

(b) The recommendation of Orissa State Agro Industries Corporation was not accepted.

(c) A Rehabilitation Scheme was filed by the Central Government in the Supreme Court in May, 1986.

Provision of government land to the Agro Service Centres

3290. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the original scheme for the establishment of Agro Service Centres there was a provision that Government land in Industrial area, block development offices or at the Tehsil head quarters will be provided to the Agro Service Centres for their establishment on a normal charges;

(b) if so, the number of Agro Service Centres in the country provided land by Government even after 17-18 years of starting of the scheme; and

(c) if no land could be provided, whether responsibility for the failure of the centres has been fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir. The scheme for establishment of Agro Service Centres, circulated on 28-12-71, did not envisage any such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Interest subsidy on loans of Agro Service Centres

3291. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the original scheme of Agro Service Centres initiated by the Central Government the Planning Commission of India had planned a provision for the interest subsidy upon the loans of Agro Service Centres for the three years in general districts and for the five years in backward areas; and

(b) if so, under what circumstances Government restricted this provision of interest subsidy from five years to three years even for the backward areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) the approved scheme of Agro Service Centres circulated on 28-12-71 envisaged a subsidy on interest for three years for all areas.

(b) Does not arise.

Reduction in limit for interest subsidy

3292. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the provision of the original scheme for the establishment of